

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN

District of

NORTH CAROLINA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.  
AMY ELIZABETH ARCH  
*Defendant*

## ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

Case 2:08 mj 06

In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), a detention hearing has been held. I conclude that the following facts require the detention of the defendant pending trial in this case.

**Part I—Findings of Fact**

- (1) The defendant is charged with an offense described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1) and has been convicted of a  federal offense  state or local offense that would have been a federal offense if a circumstance giving rise to federal jurisdiction had existed - that is  a crime of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4).  
 an offense for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or death.  
 an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in \_\_\_\_\_.\*
- (2) The offense described in finding (1) was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state or local offense.
- (3) A period of not more than five years has elapsed since the  date of conviction  release of the defendant from imprisonment for the offense described in finding (1).
- (4) Findings Nos. (1), (2) and (3) establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of (an) other person(s) and the community. I further find that the defendant has not rebutted this presumption.

**Alternative Findings (A)**

- (1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in \_\_\_\_\_ under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).
- (2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding 1 that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

**Alternative Findings (B)**

- (1) There is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.
- X (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

SEE ATTACHED ADDENDUM TO DETENTION ORDER

**Part II—Written Statement of Reasons for Detention**

I find that the credible testimony and information submitted at the hearing establishes by X clear and convincing evidence a preponderance of the evidence that

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**Part III—Directions Regarding Detention**

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

Date

*Signature of Judge*

Dennis L. Howell, United States Magistrate Judge

*Name and Title of Judge*

\*Insert as applicable: (a) Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 801 *et seq.*); (b) Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. § 951 *et seq.*); or (c) Section 1 of Act of Sept. 15, 1980 (21 U.S.C. § 955a).

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
BRYSON CITY DIVISION  
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**ADDENDUM TO  
DETENTION ORDER**

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**I. FACTORS CONSIDERED**

**18 U.S.C. § 3142:**

**(g) Factors to be considered.**--The judicial officer shall, in determining whether there are conditions of release that will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of any other person and the community, take into account the available information concerning--

- (1)** The nature and circumstances of the offense charged, including whether the offense is a crime of violence, a Federal crime of terrorism, or involves a minor victim or a controlled substance, firearm, explosive, or destructive device;
- (2)** the weight of the evidence against the person;
- (3)** the history and characteristics of the person, including--
  - (A)** the person's character, physical and mental condition, family ties, employment, financial resources, length of residence in the community, community ties, past conduct, history relating to drug or alcohol abuse, criminal history, and record concerning appearance at court proceedings; and
  - (B)** whether, at the time of the current offense or arrest, the person was on probation, on parole, or on other release pending trial, sentencing, appeal, or completion of sentence for an offense under Federal, State, or local law; and
- (4)** the nature and seriousness of the danger to any person or the community that would be posed by the person's release.

## II.

## FINDINGS

### **As to factor:**

**(g)(1):** The nature and circumstances of the offense charged involve a crime of violence.

**(g)(2):** The weight of the evidence against the person appears to strong and significant. The defendant, along with four other persons, brutally beat, kicked and stabbed a victim resulting in over 18 separate stab wounds to the victim.

**(g)(3):** The history and characteristics of the person

(A) Family ties, employment, financial resources, length of residence in the community, community ties, past conduct, history relating to drug or alcohol abuse, criminal history and record concerning appearance at court appearances indicate that the defendant has family ties. She is age 24 but only worked during the period from 2006 to 2007. As a result, the defendant's employment is intermit. The defendant has a long length of residence in the Cherokee community. In regard to the defendant's history relating to drug or alcohol abuse, the defendant has used methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana but all of these substances have not been used for a substantial period of time. The defendant does consume alcohol on the weekend and becomes intoxicated. The defendant's criminal record shows that on February 12, 2003 she pled guilty to reckless driving which involved an alcoholic beverage.

The defendant's record concerning appearance at court appearances shows that the defendant has appeared as she has been required to do.

(B) At the time of the current offense or arrest, the defendant was on probation, parole or other release pending trial, sentencing, appeal or completion of sentence. It appears that this factor does not exist.

**(g)(4):** The nature and seriousness of the danger to any person or the community that would be posed by the person's release indicate that based upon clear and convincing evidence, the release of the defendant would create a risk of harm or danger to any other person or the community. A statement the defendant gave to the investigating officers shows that the defendant admitted that she had kicked and punched the victim numerous times over the course of several minutes. The defendant punched the victim in the face and on the nose. The victim then escaped from where he was being assaulted. The defendant and her co-defendant's chased the victim down and then continued to assault him. At that time, the defendant kicked the victim behind the left ear and in the center of the chest and "all over". The defendant further made a statement that she saw a co-defendant stabbing the victim and at that time the defendant was kicking the victim in the head while three other persons were

standing on the right side of the victim kicking him. These facts shows a brutal assault committed by the defendant and her co-defendants. These acts show that the release of the defendant would create a risk of harm or damage to any other person or the community. As a result, the undersigned has determined to enter an order detaining the defendant.

The undersigned does not find by a preponderance of the evidence that the release of the defendant would create a risk of flight on her part.

**WHEREFORE**, it is **ORDERED** that the defendant be detained pending further proceedings in this matter.

Signed: March 12, 2008

Dennis L. Howell

Dennis L. Howell  
United States Magistrate Judge

